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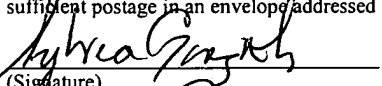
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is in reply to the restriction requirement mailed on September 2, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the restriction requirement expired on October 2, 2005. Pursuant to the enclosed petition and fee for a four-month extension of time, the time set for filing a reply now expires February 2, 2006, and thus this reply is timely filed.

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the subject matter of Group I- Claims 1-16 drawn to a method for identifying women at risk for OBGYN complications, but expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected embodiments at a later time or in one or more divisional applications and/or continuation applications.

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